

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the paragraph below immediately after the title of the application on page 1:

-- This application is a continuation, under 35 U.S.C. § 365(c), of the PCT patent application entitled "Tripeptides and Tripeptide Derivatives for the Treatment of Neurodegenerative Diseases," having International Application No. PCT/EP02/01180, International Filing Date of 5 February 2002 (05.02.2002), and Priority Date of 5 February 2001 (05.02.2001), which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 101 05 041.0, filed on 5 February 2001, the disclosures of which are entirely incorporated herein by reference. --